

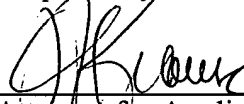
REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, Claim 8 was merely objected to as depending from a rejected claim. In this regard, Applicants have now attempted to amend Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of Claims 5, 7, and 8, wherein allowable Claim 8 was dependent from Claim 1, 5, and 7. Accordingly, it is believed that amended Claim 1 is now allowable, along with Claims 2-4, 9 and 10, which depend from Claim 1.

For these reasons Applicants solicit the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance in this Application.

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